IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF: Attorney Docket: 2545-0439

FERRARI et al. Group Art Unit: To be assigned

Application Serial No.: To be assigned Examiner: To be assigned

Title: A MACHINE TOOL Date: February 9, 2004

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows prior to fee calculation and examination: